

BITTING NOW U. S. OFFICIAL WITHOUT PAY

Will Assist District Attorney
Until Word Comes Regarding
Regular Man

"Clear for action!" shouted Horace W. Vaughan, "skipper" of the good ship "U. S. District Attorney's Office," today.

"Aye, aye, sir," jovially responded "First Mate" C. C. Bitting, biting the end off a Manila cigar, and shedding his "allicker."

A door slammed. A Hawaiian woman, who had requested information, was dismissed and the work of the federal prosecutor's office under the new regime began. Smooth sailing for the new officials is predicted by about every member of the local legal fraternity.

Up to press time today nothing had been heard from Attorney-General Gregory as to whether Mr. Bitting shall be appointed acting assistant to District Attorney Vaughan. Mr. Bitting was "on the job" bright and early this morning, however. Until he is regularly appointed, or until someone else is named, he will act as Mr. Vaughan's assistant, without pay, as he explained it.

"We are going to be mighty busy in this office for the next few weeks," Mr. Vaughan said, "and I am certainly indebted to Mr. Bitting for his generous assistance. We are going to clean up the calendar in remarkable short order, and within a short time we expect to have the business of this office running like clock-work."

Mr. Vaughan explained that a large number of the petty statutory cases which accumulated under Jeff McCann's incumbency, some of which have been waiting for months to get to trial, may be nolle prossed; that is, thrown out of court. Similar cases in which there have been more gross violations of the law will, of course, be prosecuted, the district attorney added. The large number of opium cases which have been pending for several months are to be disposed of in short order, either by trial or otherwise.

Want Kuhl's Bill Amended.

That prompt action may be taken to revise the text of a bill introduced in the house by Delegate Kuhl on December 8, relating to the payment of salaries to U. S. judges after they have resigned, is the belief of Federal Judge C. F. Clemons and Hon. Sanford B. Dole, former federal judge. This bill provides that judges in Hawaii, as well as judges on the mainland, who are more than 70 years old and who have served more than 10 years, receive full pay for the rest of their lives after they resign.

According to Judge Clemons, "resign," as used in the text of the bill, is the language of a previous statute. He is of the opinion that the bill is not happily drafted, in that Revised Statutes, section 714, was repealed by the judicial code, section 237, but re-enacted in the judicial code in section 297, and it is the latter which is being amended by the delegate's bill and not section 714 of the Revised Statutes.

It is believed that the phrase "when his term of office expires," or something similar, will be inserted in Kuhl's bill to take the place of the phrase "resigns his office."

SIXTY-THREE MEMBERS ATTEND BIBLE CLASS

Sixty-three members of the Y. M. C. A. men's Bible class gathered in Cooke hall for the first meeting last evening at 7:20 o'clock. A. A. Ebersole, in outlining the plans of the class, stated that the members present should work to increase the membership of the class to 100.

In the discussion last evening Rev. Ebersole told of the times in which Jesus Christ lived, which was the preliminary course to the 20 lectures which will be given on the life and teachings of Christ. Rev. Mr. Ebersole has spent 20 years in study on this subject, and his talk last evening was much appreciated by all the members of the class. The class will meet again next Tuesday evening at 8:45.

NOT TO PRESENT MOORE CASE TO JURYMEN TODAY

Any further action contemplated by the city and county attorney's office in the case of Miss Dorothy Spring, a tourist, and Dr. John C. Peden, a physician at the Queen's hospital, who are under indictment on a charge of failing to assist a person injured by an automobile, was not to be taken at a meeting of the territorial grand jury this afternoon.

This is according to A. M. Cristy, deputy city attorney, who has the case under investigation. Mr. Cristy said today that he is working on the case, and that he expected to attend the coroner's inquest on the death of Mrs. Mary P. Moore, who died at the Queen's hospital last Monday night from injuries received from being struck by an automobile in which Miss Spring and Doctor Peden were riding, with Miss Spring at the wheel.

When the coroner's jury returns its verdict, Cristy says, he intends to either go further in the matter or else drop any contemplated proceedings.

Reports that the city attorney's office will take the case once more before the grand jury for an investigation which might result in the return of indictments charging the defendants with manslaughter have not yet been definitely confirmed.

Eight or more witnesses were summoned to appear at the sheriff's office at 2 o'clock this afternoon and give testimony regarding the accident. Among those to testify were Miss Spring and Dr. John C. Peden, Charles Gulick, whose car was passing at the time; W. T. Rawlins and Dr. W. L. Patterson, passengers in Gulick's car; Dr. Ayers and Dr. Murray, who attended Mrs. Moore, were other witnesses.

Miss Spring, who is only 17 years old, says she was blinded by the lights of Gulick's machine and did not know that she had driven into Mrs. Moore, and Dr. Peden also claims that neither he nor Miss Spring knew they had struck the woman until they were arrested at the top of the Palisade hour later.

Gulick says his lights were dimmed and that he does not see how they could have blinded Miss Spring. Occupants of Gulick's automobile say they called to Miss Spring and Dr. Peden that they had struck the woman, but could not stop them.

RESIGNATION OF CITY ENGINEER TO GET READING

Apocryphal of the sentiment developed in several caucuses of the supervisors lately to segregate the engineering and road departments, placing them under separate heads, the road committee yesterday afternoon decided to name Engineer L. M. Whitehouse as consulting engineer of the city to take charge of the large number of street improvement projects which are to be taken up in the coming year.

Whitehouse will today send in his resignation as city engineer to the mayor, and the communication will be read at tonight's meeting of the supervisors. C. M. Collins, Fred Oht and Chris Willis are each being talked of as possible appointees to fill the position of city engineer. All of these men are now regular engineers in the department.

Sam Kellipol, road statistician, will be given the position of road overseer, for a time at least, with the possibility that he will be appointed permanently if he fills the job satisfactorily.

The Wilhelmus, sailing at 10 o'clock this morning for San Francisco, took 24 bags of mail, weighing 901 pounds. She had 25 cabin passengers, and six steerage.

JUDGE MONSARRAT IS AUTHOR OF BLUE BOOK

"The Autoists' Blue Book" is the title of a compact, neat book, let just from the press, of which Judge J. M. Monsarrat, attorney-at-law, is the author. Automobile owners and attorneys who have read the book agree that it will be of great value.

Judge Monsarrat has combined in the book the gist of all laws relating to automobile traffic, speed limits and districts where laws. Many long ordinances have been abridged and recent construction of ordinances by the courts is embodied in the work.

Judge Monsarrat has taken pains to make the laws relating to automobile traffic clear to the reader and has carefully explained crossing signals and rules.

The book will be placed on sale in a few days.

BUSY MAILING TWO THOUSAND INVITATIONS

Members of Y. W. C. A. Devote
All Their Time to Preparations
for Opening Week

Persons about the city who have promised ferns and potted plants as gifts to the new Young Women's Christian Association building, of those who wish to make such gifts and have not yet sent in their names, are requested to bring the plants either tomorrow or Friday.

Miss Cora Varney of the Y. W. C. A. staff said today that she will appreciate having the gifts brought to the building if possible, but that in instances where givers cannot bring them a wagon will be sent out.

Down at the present headquarters of the association over the Castle & Cooke offices nearly a dozen young women were busy this morning getting out the 2000 invitations that will welcome Honolulu people to the opening week exercises.

Miss Helen M. A. Taylor, a member of the national Y. W. C. A. board, and also of the board in Cincinnati, Ohio, her home town, will make the dedicatory address at the first exercises on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

"Association work sort of runs in our family, I guess," laughed Miss Taylor this morning. "My grandmother was an association worker, my mother has been in it for 25 years, and I started in when I was young."

Miss Taylor's mother is with her here, the two having just completed a tour through India, China and Japan. They will leave for the mainland on the Nippon Maru, which is due here next Wednesday. During the 25 years' work in the Cincinnati association Mrs. Taylor was volunteer treasurer for 15 years.

Programs of the big opening exercises to be held at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon are as follows:

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation.

Psalm 103—Rev. Canon Ault.

Hymn—Lord of the Harvest.

Prayer—Pastor D. C. Peters.

Hymn—God is Working His Purpose.

Dedicatory Address—Miss Helen M. A. Taylor.

Responsive Service of Dedication—Mrs. W. P. Frear.

Hymn of Dedication.

Prayer of Dedication—Dr. Doremus Scudder.

Hymn—Lead on, O Eternal King.

Benediction—L. L. Loofbourow.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

SLIDE ALMOST SWAMPED CITY WITH BANANAS

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led again under the wet weather, and is presenting almost as much of a problem as it did a month ago when large portions of it had to be taken out and filled in with asphalt macadam.

Waikalulu bridge over Nuuanu stream on School street, one of the city's concrete structures, was cracked during the storm when the water washed away the soil from part of its foundation.

Low places about the city are still standing in water, which will disappear with a few days of clear weather. Makee island in Kapiolani park, was swept by high water yesterday, and the sea along Waikiki beach is black with mud for some distance out. Many algerob trees went down here and there about the city, owing to the saturated condition of the soil. At Fort De Russy several trees toppled over in this manner.

Lake Superior copper mines produced more than 25,000,000 pounds of refined copper during November.

Plans for an international fair in 1918 to celebrate the 200 anniversary of the founding of San Antonio, Tex., are under way.

The national convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be held at Savannah, Ga., July 31 to August 4, 1916.

NEWSBOYS OF THREE SIZES IN STAR-BULLETIN PRIZE CONTEST

Who is the best big newsboy, medium-sized newsboy, and small newsboy in Honolulu? To ascertain this the Star-Bulletin is now holding a newsboys' contest, with the youngsters grouped in three divisions, according to age, and on March 31 will give prizes three bicycles and three complete outfits of boys' clothes.

Half a dozen newsboys are represented in the contest, which is for the street sellers only, the youngsters who sell this paper every day on the streets, in trolley cars, at the wharves, and

every part of Honolulu. There are white boys, Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and a few pickaninnies in the contest.

Three divisions of boys are in the contest. They are in groups A, B and C, according to age and size. The boys range in age from 9 to 15 years. The contest began December 17, and the boys are getting in plenty of good work. The youngsters making the best record in each division will be given not only a prize bicycle but a complete outfit of clothes as well.

E. A. COOPER IS BACK FROM TRIP TO SUNNY SOUTH

E. A. Cooper, former cost accountant with the Star-Bulletin business department, is back in Hawaii from an extensive mainland tour, which culminated when he went to Miami, Florida, and invested in some city real estate. He went through the coast, western and middle western states and then turned south to Florida. He describes Miami as a very live and hustling city with a rapidly expanding fruit trade which is making that whole section of the state prosperous.

While in Miami Cooper met Dr. E. V. Wilcox, former head of the federal agricultural experiment station work in the territory and now stationed at Washington, D. C. He had been in Havana, Cuba, on a vacation.

Cooper says that though Miami is flourishing, there is little employment there except in the building trades lines, but that buying and selling real estate provides business for about a hundred active real estate agents.

HARBOR NOTES

President J. A. Kennedy of the Inter-Island said today Hamakua will probably be the new name to be given the Shoshone.

Shortly after noon today, the Matson steamer Hyades sailed for San Francisco. Her Port Allen cargo, which she was unable to unload there because of the kona gale, has been transhipped on Inter-Island boats.

When she sailed for San Francisco at 5 o'clock last evening, the Oceanic steamer Sonoma took from here 2647 cases of canned pines, 835 bunches of bananas, and other freight, also 169 bags of mail. She could not load all the bananas, as the train bringing them was late arriving. The remainder left on the Wilhelmus today.

Fred L. Waldron, Ltd., local agents for the Great Northern, announced today that the big liner has been entirely sold out for her trip to the coast from Honolulu February 26. Round-trip passengers coming down on the steamer February 21, and returning on her, are numerous. "This means the Great Northern will take 700 passengers back to the coast that trip," said Mr. Waldron today.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The baby daughter of Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, who was operated on at the Beretania hospital yesterday, was removed to her parents' home today. It is expected that the child will recover rapidly.

Members of the Literary Digest club met last evening at the Y. M. C. A. and discussed the plans for the series of evening meetings which will be held beginning next Tuesday. Inasmuch as many of the members are busy during the holiday season, it was decided to hold the first discussion of current events on January 4.

Routine business was transacted this afternoon at the meeting of the board of harbor commissioners. Acting Chairman A. C. Wheeler presided, and Commissioners C. J. McCarthy, T. M. Church, James Wakefield and E. E. Bodge, also Deputy Attorney-General A. G. Smith, attended. A letter from Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, saying it is very cold in Washington, and that he plans to "move down to the boiler room of the hotel to keep warm," was read.

SUPERVISORS VOTE APPROPRIATIONS IN AFTERNOON CAUCUS

Upon motion of Supervisor Shingle, seconded by Supervisor Horner, the board which met in caucus this afternoon voted an appropriation of \$1250 a month for park and playground maintenance during the coming half year. Hollinger's motion made prior to that of Shingle was lost for want of a second. This motion provided for \$1500.

Hollinger hotly contested the opposition that arose against his request for \$1500, but failed to win the other supervisors to his viewpoint.

Fifty dollars a month was voted as an appropriation toward the free dental dispensary at Palama settlement. Superintendent J. A. Rath came to the meeting this afternoon and explained the need of dental work among the children of this city whose parents are too poor to have them treated. A dentist will be hired by the settlement for carrying on this work.

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